



THE STORY OF
THE



ALBERTA C.C.F.

1932 to 1948

AND

1948 PROVINCIAL

CONVENTION PROGRAM

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CALGARY

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REV. J. S. WOODSWORTH
1933 TO 1942

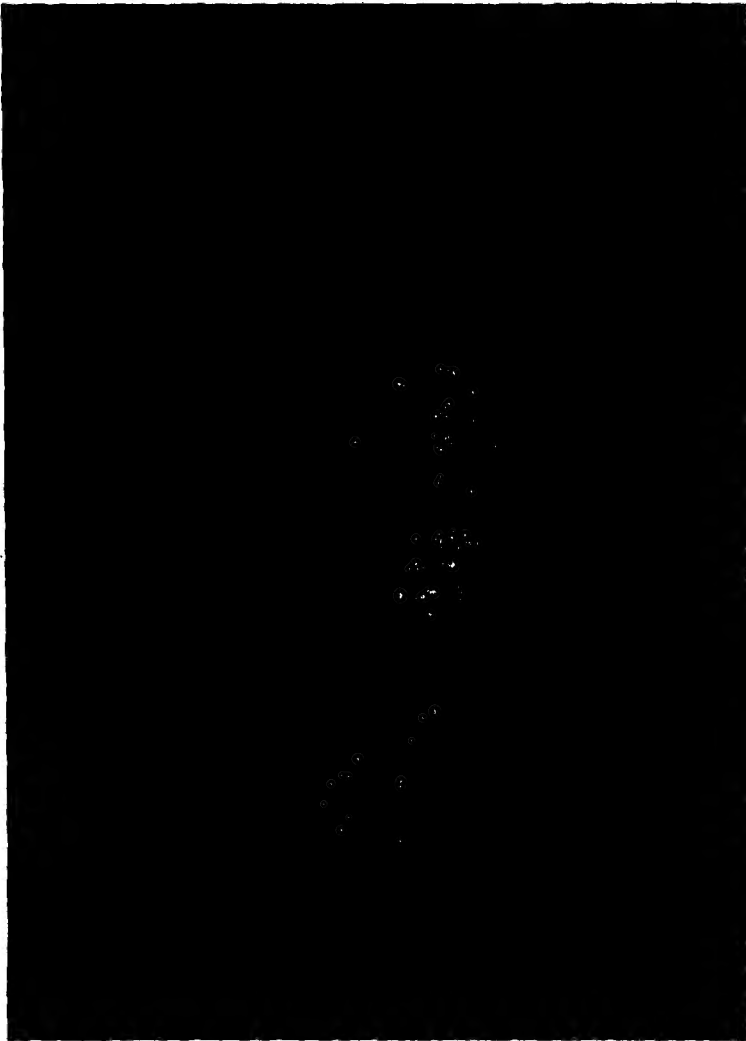


M. J. COLDWELL
1942 TO

Introduction . . .

The following pages constitute an attempt, even if only a meagre and incomplete one, to trace the historical evolution and growth of the Alberta C.C.F. movement since its inception in 1932. As told in this brief space perhaps the background of our movement appears to assume a cold and colourless nature. After all how much warmth, how much character and how much emotion can be put into the words which merely tell of an important happening in one particular year, or the decision made on another occasion, or of the election of an officer at such and such a time. But nevertheless it is a factual history of the C.C.F. and all history is the story of people, their happiness and their grief, their hearts and their minds, their emotions and their logic. And so it is with the history of the C.C.F. The cold printed words which appear in these pages are but the reflections of the collective ideals which have been raised and nurtured in the hearts and thoughts of a host of Alberta people. The apparent routine decisions that have been made over the years are actually monuments of faith and hope built to record the sacrifices of time, energy and money made by that group of people who believe in the idealism of democratic socialism, and who have sustained the struggle for so many years.

And so you are asked to read between the lines, to look behind the printed word and to see the C.C.F. story as the story of hundreds of fine and loyal men and women throughout the province who have given themselves unsparingly to a great crusade. They have handed down to us a noble heritage, our only adequate tribute can be "carry on."



ELMER E. ROPER, M.L.A.
Provincial Leader
1942 to

THE ALBERTA C.C.F.

THE START

In 1932 The United Farmers of Alberta, representatives of which organization were then the government of Alberta, at a conference held in Edmonton early in July passed a resolution adopting a ten-point program calling for drastic economic reform to alleviate the sufferings of Canadian people. These were the days of deep depression. The concluding paragraph of this manifesto declared that all people's organizations throughout Canada should be prepared to meet together and to co-operate together to bring about these necessary reforms through the Parliament of Canada.

THE INITIATIVE

As a result of the decisions made at this conference the U.F.A. officially sent out invitations asking the representatives of all such organizations to meet at Calgary on August 1st, 1932, to discuss common problems. This date was chosen to coincide with a conference which had already been called by the Political Labor Parties of Canada and which was to be held in Calgary commencing on July 29th under the chairmanship of Mr. C. M. Fines of Regina.

A NEW POLITICAL HORIZON

At this Labor meeting the U.F.A. manifesto was discussed and adopted and the decision was reached to organize a new people's political party on a national scale. To get this project immediately underway a joint meeting of political labor and the U.F.A. (political farmer) was arranged for August 1st. Out of this meeting, which was conducted from the chair by Mr. E. J. Garland, came the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, the new Canadian people's political party. Off the record, it is a matter of recollection and interest that the name in its final form was proposed by that "earnest and happy socialist-warrior" Walter Mentz. Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., was chosen as the organization's first national chairman with Norman Priestly of Calgary as secretary. The important and vital responsibility of drafting a platform and constitution for the new movement was given to the national group.

AN HISTORICAL DOCUMENT

A year later at Regina, in 1933, the first national convention of the C.C.F. was held and its political platform, since known as the Regina Manifesto, was adopted. This document is still the basic guide for the movement and it grows in respect and importance with its age.

THE ALBERTA PICTURE

In Alberta the C.C.F. became a true federation. Through mutual decision and co-operation it became a movement composed of Labor and Farm organizations, further augmented by local groups from various localities operating through a provincial constitution and charter as Economic Reconstruction Association clubs. These clubs were functioning to provide a proper place in the new movement

for those men and women of progressive thought who were not eligible through either farm or labor organizations. The necessary changes in the constitutions of these various groups were made to allow for joint participation in nominating conventions and other matters of direct political action.

C.C.F. ORGANIZATION DELAY

In these early years the U.F.A., both as the dominant farm group in an agricultural province and as the then government of Alberta, was the strongest single part of the Federation and in deference to its political position no steps were taken in rural areas to replace U.F.A. locals with the C.C.F. However, in 1934, a central C.C.F. council was finally set up and it consisted of the presidents of the three main groups participating in the Federation. In 1935 a further step forward was taken in that agreement was reached whereby several federal constituency associations held joint nominating conventions and the nominees from these conventions contested the election as C.C.F. candidates. This was the first appearance, on a broad scale, of C.C.F. action on the Alberta political scene.

THE POSITION CHANGES

The complete defeat in 1935 of the U.F.A. as a political force brought about an entirely different position and posed new and difficult problems both for that organization and for the growing C.C.F. movement. The course of the latter was not made any easier by the political hesitation and uncertainty of the U.F.A. which at its convention of 1936 was unable to reach any decision regarding its political future. This brought about the early calling of the first Alberta C.C.F. provincial convention with the choosing of an Alberta C.C.F. council.

1936 Alberta C.C.F. Council

President: Wm. Irvine.

Vice-President: R. Gardiner.

Secretary: Fred White.

GOING AHEAD

In 1937 the U.F.A. as a farm organization decided to vacate the provincial political field but to remain in the Federation in federal affairs. This decision literally forced the C.C.F. into a position of separate political action and in that year, at its second provincial convention, the C.C.F. launched a program of direct active organization in both rural and urban areas of the province. William Irvine was appointed on a fulltime basis as provincial organizer with the necessary financial support coming through regular monthly donations of individuals, dime funds and other money raising schemes. During these years since 1932 the C.C.F., under the inspired leadership of J. S. Woodsworth, had been growing by leaps and bounds on the national scale and was now recognized by all as a potentially powerful political force. Many provinces with a clear field before them since 1932 had outstripped Alberta in terms of organization and activity. In 1938, however, the Alberta C.C.F. was honored with the decision to hold the National Convention in Edmonton.

MORE HESITATION AND FURTHER ACTION

In this same year of 1938 the U.F.A. maintained its previous position and this lack of action led to the immediate calling of a special C.C.F. convention which was held in Calgary in July of the same year. The convention delegates acted promptly and decisively to commit the movement to full scale political activity within the province and to proceed at once with the setting up of local club organization. It was further agreed that as soon as the membership of these clubs reached the figure of one thousand to call another convention for the purpose of preparing a provincial program and constitution for the Alberta C.C.F. The C.C.F. as we know it today in Alberta stemmed directly from this 1938 special convention.

1938 Alberta C.C.F. Executive

President: Wm. Irvine.

Vice-Presidents: Henry Young, C. Ronning and A. Lindley.

Treasurer: Miss M. Crawford.

Secretary: Elmer Roper.

FINAL DECISION

During the following year, 1939, the U.F.A. made its final decision to entirely vacate the political field. The preparations made by the C.C.F. in the previous year for direct political action allowed the movement to quickly fill the vacuum created by the withdrawal of the U.F.A. and the 1939 convention was in a position to adopt for the movement a comprehensive provincial platform and constitution. Plans were also completed for the speeding up of general organization work so that C.C.F. candidates could be nominated for the anticipated provincial and federal elections of 1940. In this same year Miss Margaret Archibald, past president of the Junior U.F.A., was appointed secretary to the Provincial C.C.F. president and thus became the first full time clerical employee of the Alberta C.C.F. A national CCYM organization had also been established by this time and W. H. Thornton of Edmonton was elected as the first president of the Alberta section.

1939 Alberta C.C.F. Executive

Leader: Chester A. Ronning.

President: Elmer E. Roper.

Vice-President: Henry Young.

Treasurer: Miss M. Crawford.

Secretary: Lorne Ingle.

1940 and 1941 Alberta C.C.F. Executives

Leader: Chester A. Ronning.

President: Henry Young.

Vice-President: H. D. Ainlay.

Treasurer: Miss M. Crawford.

Secretary: Lorne Ingle.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

In the years that followed, 1940, 1941 and 1942 the organizational status of the movement gradually changed. More and more local clubs were organized; provincial and federal constituency

associations were formed; direct membership became larger until it exerted a major influence upon the policies and the activities of the movement. Finally at a special provincial convention in early 1942 the C.C.F. lost its federated nature and became a full-fledged direct membership body operating a provincial organization from an Edmonton office with Wm. Irvine as field organizer and a small office staff. At this reorganization convention the Labor Party became amalgamated with the C.C.F. Clubs to form the Alberta section of the C.C.F. The officers elected for 1942 were:

President and Leader: Chester Ronning.

1st Vice-President: W. H. Millar.

2nd Vice-President: Henry Young.

Treasurer: Miss M. Crawford.

Secretary: Wm. Irvine.

Mr. Millar was the former president of the Alberta Labor Party and the man mainly responsible for the accomplishment of this long sought after amalgamation.

FIRST POLITICAL SUCCESS

The young C.C.F. scored its first success in the Alberta political field when Chester Ronning, principal of the Camrose Lutheran College, accepted nomination as a C.C.F. candidate and won the Camrose constituency in the 1933 by-election. Mr. Ronning supported the U.F.A. government in the legislature and was admitted to the caucus of this group. Further success was denied the movement for many years as very shortly after this initial success the U.F.A. political movement collapsed and its place was taken by the Social Credit Party which offered the people of Alberta a facile cure for their acute economic distress. Mr. Ronning held the provincial leadership of the C.C.F. from 1939 until he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1942. He was succeeded in the leadership by Elmer E. Roper, who had recently won a great victory for the C.C.F. in the Edmonton by-election of that year.

Officers, Alberta C.C.F. — 1943

Leader: Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A.

President: H. D. Ainlay.

Vice-President: Henry Spencer.

Treasurer: C. E. Lee.

Secretary: Wm. Irvine.

REFUSED COALITION

Although up to this time the political success of the C.C.F. in Alberta had been limited and somewhat discouraging, nevertheless the movement had by 1943 established itself as the only possible alternative to the Social Credit government. It was the only political group which had survived the avalanche of 1935 and the coalition defeat of 1940. This "Defeat Aberhart" coalition formed by the Conservatives and Liberals of this province in 1937 played an important part in the fortunes of the C.C.F. Many influential ex-members of the U.F.A. legislature actively participated in the coalition and the refusal of the C.C.F. to join this negative crusade had the effect of turning much of the normal U.F.A. support away from the C.C.F.

FACED HEAVY DUTY

Thus, in 1943, the movement found itself facing a heavy democratic responsibility. It was the only remaining political force in active opposition to the government for by this time the "Defeat Aberhart" coalition had changed sides and was now entered into an unholy alliance with Social Credit to "stop" the C.C.F. The membership of this people's organization responded nobly to the responsibility and the annual provincial convention for 1943 was the largest in the history of the movement. At this convention a \$57,000.00 budget was adopted for the purpose of fighting the provincial and federal elections which were expected in 1944; plans were laid for increases in organization and office staff; decisions were reached which made it possible for the C.C.F. to contest every provincial constituency. In 1944 for the first time the C.C.F. ran a full slate of candidates. It doubled its popular vote over 1940 and gathered in 25% of the total vote cast in the province but it elected only two members to the legislature; Elmer E. Roper was re-elected in Edmonton and A. J. E. Liesemer was elected in Calgary. The C.C.F. had carried out its democratic responsibility, for without the C.C.F. the Social Credit government would have been re-elected by acclamation.

Officers, Alberta C.C.F. — 1944

Leader: Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A.
President: H. D. Ainlay.
Vice-President: Mrs. Nellie Peterson.
Treasurer: C. E. Lee.
Secretary: Wm. Irvine.

Officers, Alberta C.C.F.—1945

Leader: Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A.
President: J. E. Cook.
Vice-President: Mrs. Nellie Peterson.
Treasurer: C. E. Lee.
Secretary: John King.

UNDAUNTED

Only a few months later in 1945 the movement threw itself into a full-scale federal election campaign with a complete slate of seventeen candidates. Again the C.C.F. failed to send a representative from Alberta to the House of Commons. Surely two such political reverses, following so closely upon one another, should have been sufficient reason to dampen the ardor and hopes of even the most enthusiastic. Surely this was the secret fear that many of the delegates carried into the convention hall in November 1945. That fear, if it was held, was proved ill-founded. The 1945 convention endorsed the most ambitious organization plan ever undertaken by the Alberta C.C.F. It was a three year plan to cover the years 1946, 1947 and 1948 by which time a provincial election could again be expected. The plan provided for the full time employment of two provincial organizers with provision for further expansion as funds permitted.

Alberta C.C.F. Officers—1946

Leader: Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A.
President: J. E. Cook.
1st Vice-President: Mrs. N. Peterson.
2nd Vice-President: P. N. R. Morrison.
Treasurer: Lorne Ingle.
Secretary: John King.

Alberta C.C.F. Officers—1947

Leader: Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A.
President: J. E. Cook.
1st Vice-President: Mrs. N. Peterson.
2nd Vice-President: W. W. Scott.
Treasurer: W. Margolus.
Secretary: John King.

DISAPPOINTED YES — DISCOURAGED ?

During these years 1946, 1947 and 1948 C.C.F. organization was extended and solidified throughout the province. Its immediate provincial program, which had been hammered out by the delegates attending the 1947 convention, was carried throughout the province on a wider scale than ever before. In the 1948 election 51 C.C.F. candidates faced the electorate of Alberta, but once again, in spite of all the work and preparation which had gone on beforehand, the results were more than disappointing, only Roper and Liesemer being re-elected in Edmonton and Calgary. The increasing prosperity derived from war and the rehabilitation of a destroyed Europe seemed to lessen interest in the idea of change.

Alberta C.C.F. Officers—1948

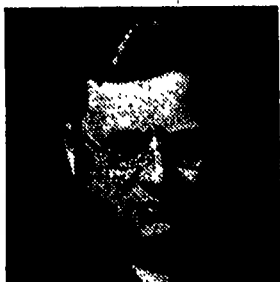
Leader: Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A.
President: J. E. Cook.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. N. Peterson.
2nd Vice-President, Harold Bronson.
Treasurer: W. Margolus.
Secretary: John King.

AND NOW

The C.C.F. in Alberta now has a recognized organization of experienced people in practically every constituency in the province. It has at its command a battle-ried candidate personnel of outstanding men and women. As a political movement it stands ready to meet and deal with the economic and social problems of Alberta people, when those problems again become oppressive. Meanwhile in other parts of Canada the C.C.F. as a National movement has grown to considerable proportion. The C.C.F. has 32 members elected to Parliament; it is the official opposition in the provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Nova Scotia; it is the government in Saskatchewan. The National organization has been stabilized and extended, until today the C.C.F. is in a strong position to become the next official opposition in the House of Commons. What part the Alberta C.C.F. will play in this new test that now faces the movement will be largely decided by the delegates attending this 1948 convention.

1935 FEDERAL CANDIDATES

The First Recognized Standard-Bearers for Alberta



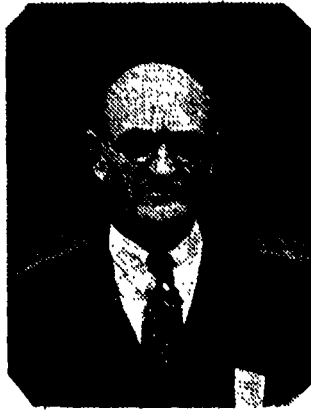
F. J. WHITE
Calgary East



REV. H. M. HORRICKS
Calgary West



E. J. GARLAND
Bow River



GEO. BEVINGTON

Jasper-Edson



MARY CRAWFORD

Edmonton West



ELMER E. ROPER

Edmonton East



WM. IRVINE
Wetaskiwin



HENRY SPENCER
Battle River



(See Alliance C.N. Provincial Board)

1911-1912

PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCY CANDIDATES

1940 - 1944 - 1948

The C.C.F. is a living, vibrant, active organization of people. The story told on the preceeding pages is statistical. But the philosophy, the objectives and the accomplishments of any movement are the result of sustained action, supported by the deep convictions and enthusiastic zeal of many, many persons.

In so far as it has been possible, here, in pictorial form, are those, who have been and are now the spearhead of the C.C.F. in Alberta. From every part of the province, buoyed up by hundreds of others, whose part has been as great or greater, these men and women have been nominated to spread in political activity the simple logic of the co-operative ideal, as solution for the patent inequalities, the injustices and the dangers of monopoly capitalism.

Some cuts and prints have been lost and are not available. This is not meant to be ONLY those who have helped. There are thousands of others. It is merely a record, on behalf of the membership at large, of the few who have been put in the responsible position of candidates and officers of the provincial C.C.F. movement.

This is meant to be tribute and appreciation to those who, in elections since 1932, have been given the unrewarded task, and have cheerfully given of their best. To them we bring this small recognition, from C.C.F. members all over the province and from the members of each constituency in particular.

ACADIA - CORONATION

1940

Mrs. R. Johnston



1944 Candidate
C. FREDERICKSON

1948 Candidate

Russell Johnston

PRESIDENT, R. M. THORNTON
Sedalia

SECRETARY, W. J. BYLER
Oyen

ALEXANDRA

PRESIDENT, R. A. EVANS
Kitscoty

SECRETARY, J. G. INGLIS
Kitscoty



1944 Candidate
GORDON CLARK



1940 Candidate
C. CAIRNS



1948 Candidate
GEORGE DAVIES

ATHABASCA



1940 and 1948 Candidate
N. J. SHOPLAND



1944 Candidate
J. E. BALL

BEAVER RIVER

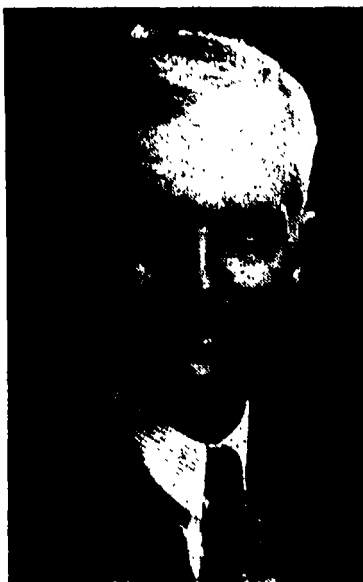
PRESIDENT, M. WIGHT
Lac La Biche

SECRETARY, J. HANNOCHKO
Lac La Biche



1940, 1944 and 1948 Candidate
JOHN HANNOCHKO

BRUCE



1940 Candidate
E. A. MOEN



1948 Candidate
B. B. STARKEY

PRESIDENT, JOHN HESLOP
Viking

SEC., MRS. A. J. THORSLEY
Ryley

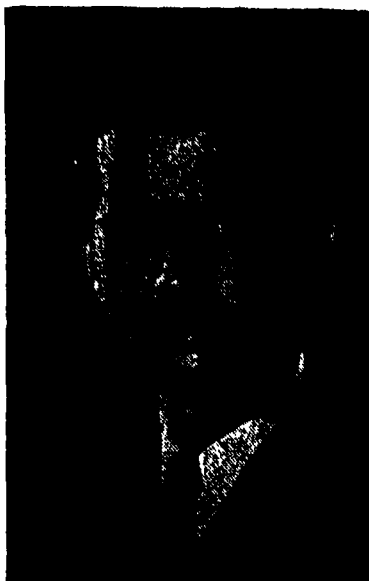


1944 Candidate
S. LEFSRUD

CAMROSE

PRESIDENT, A. OLSTAD

SECRETARY, H. ROLSETH



**1940
C. RONNING**



**1944 and 1948
C. BOULTER**

CLOVER BAR PRESIDENT, G. W. MOYER SEC., C. UNTERSCHULTZ



**1940 and 1944
DAVE ROBERTS**



**1948
A. O. ARNTSON**

DRUMHELLER

PRESIDENT, T. A. PETERSEN
Rosedale

SECRETARY, G. GRAHAM
Nacmine



1944
FRED THRYSO

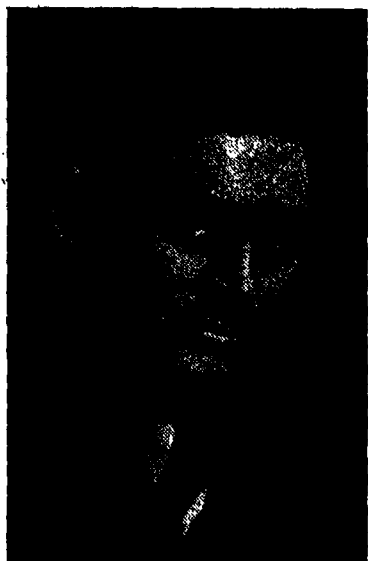
LAC STE. ANNE



1940, 1944 and 1948
MRS. NELLIE PETERSON

PRESIDENT, JOHN LISS
Sangudo

SECRETARY, A. FROEBEL
Stanger



1940 Candidate
W. L. DICKOUT

PRESIDENT, M. D. MEADE
Edson

SECRETARY, MRS. H. G. ENNIS
Entrance



1944
W. H. DIXON



1948
C. PATTINSON

GLEICHEN

1940
J. H. COLDWELL



PRESIDENT, N. P. NELSON
Standard

1944
B. C. HENDRICKS
SEC., J. H. COLDWELL
Kathryn

WARNER



1944
R. ESHOM

DIDSBURY



RAY BELL
1944 and 1948

PRESIDENT, RAY W. WOOD
Carstairs

SECRETARY, H. E. ROBINSON
Carstairs

GRANDE PRAIRIE



1940 and 1944
WM. RIGBY
PRESIDENT, L. HARRIS
Beaverlodge



1948
L. N. HARRIS
SECRETARY, MRS. L. MARICLE
Hythe

GROUARD

PRESIDENT, HARRY GILBERT
High Prairie

SECRETARY, R. T. HENDRY
High Prairie

1940 and 1944

M. O'GRADY

1948

D. B. FRASER



CARDSTON



PRESIDENT, A. R. STRATE
Cardston

SECRETARY, A. G. DOWER
Woolford

1944

E. LEAVITT

LEDUC

PRESIDENT, A. BORYS
R 3, Leduc

SECRETARY, E. SPARROW
R 4, Calmar



1940
A. E. FAULKNER



1944
J. E. COOK



1948
J. KING

LACOMBE

1940

C. M. IRNSIDE

PRESIDENT, A. G. WIGMORE
Blackfalds

SECRETARY, MRS. L. IRNSIDE
Lacombe



1944 and 1948
R. H. CARLYLE

SPIRIT RIVER



1940 and 1944
E. T. SATHER

PRESIDENT, URI POWELL
Sexsmith

SEC., R. G. THOMLINSON
Whitburn



1948
URI POWELL

PEMBINA



**1940
W. MENTZ**

PRESIDENT, M. FJELDSTAD
Dapp

SEC., MRS. G. DOHERTY
Barrhead



**1944
C. PATERSON**



**1948
M. FJELDSTAD**



PRESIDENT, ROY VOLD
Ponoka

SECRETARY, R. LEIGHTON
R 4, Ponoka

1940
C. A. JOHNSON



1944
I. D. TAYLOR



1948
A. D. OLSEN

REDWATER

PRESIDENT, A. McCORMICK
Warspite

SEC., E. W. GOODRIDGE
Egremont



1940
C. STIMPFLE



1944
D. C. WEST



1948
J. DUBETA

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

PRESIDENT, BERT REAR
Rocky Mountain House

SECRETARY, MRS. A. SCHMIDT
Blackfalds

1940

G. MAKI



1948
R. SCHMIDT



1944
G. MORRISON

STONY PLAIN

PRESIDENT, ROY LENT
Duffield

SECRETARY, DANIEL DALE
Stony Plain

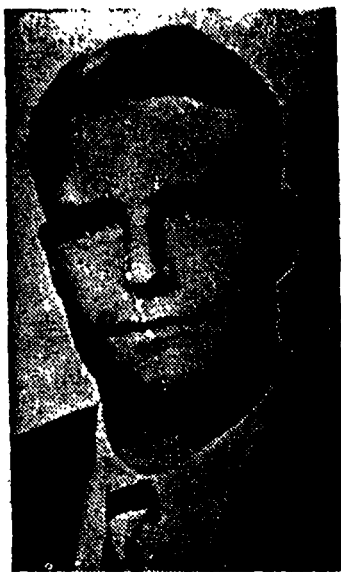
1940

T. J. HARDWICK



1944 and 1948
H. ANDERSON

WETASKIWIN



1940 and 1948
H. G. YOUNG

PRESIDENT, J. G. BAKER
Bittern Lake
SECRETARY, L. PRITCHARD
R 2, Wetaskiwin



1944
J. G. BAKER

SEDGEWICK



1940
G. OBERG



1944
C. COLVIN

PRESIDENT, C. COLVIN
Sedgewick

SECRETARY, K. SPARKS
Sedgewick



1948
A. RANDS

ST. ALBERT



1940
W. R. RIGNEY



1944
V. E. TOANE

PRESIDENT, J. DUSSEAUT

Vimy

SECRETARY, V. E. TOANE

Gibbons



1948
J. DUSSEAUT

ST. PAUL.



1940

C. G. MILANEY

1944

J. BEAUREGARD



1948

M. GREKUL

STETTLER

PRESIDENT, J. TIPMAN

Stettler

SECRETARY, MRS. A. PAYNE

Stettler

1940

H. H. TURNER

1944

REV. A. H. ROWE



1948

J. J. TIPMAN

TABER



1940
W. W. SCOTT



1944
LEO HINDS



1948
GUY HARRIS

SEC., MRS. CLARA HARRIS
Coaldale

VEGREVILLE



1944

W. G. PÓRAYKO

PRESIDENT, A. FEDORUK
Warwick

SECRETARY, M. TOMYN
Mundare



1940

A. M. MATHESON



1948

J. F. MELENKA

VERMILION

SECRETARY, ROY HAY

Mannville

1940

J. T. McDUFFE

1944

L. LARCOMBE



1948

ROY HAY

WAINWRIGHT

1940

KENN TORY

PRESIDENT, T. SANDERS

Irma

SECRETARY, W. C. SANDERS

Irma

ACTING-PRES., CHAS. TRIGG

Cadogan



1944

M. D. MEADE



1948

S. WRIGHT



1940

T. TOMASHAVSKY



1948

N. DUSHENSKI



1944

L. L. KOSTASH

PRESIDENT, N. W. SVEKLA

Willingdon

SECRETARY, P. W. HUCULAK

Willingdon

BOW VALLEY - EMPRESS



1944

JOHN FOWLIE

PRESIDENT, P. SPAAPEN
Bindloss



1948

J. W. MACLACHLAN

SECRETARY, MRS. C. TIEGS
Brooks

BANFF - COCHRANE

1944

REV. D. MacGREGOR



CYPRESS



1944

T. A. REYNAR

PRESIDENT, GEO. McFALL

Etzikom



1948

GEO. McFALL

SECRETARY, J. J. THOMPSON

Foremost

HAND HILLS

1944

W. P. ROBERTS

LETHBRIDGE PRESIDENT, L. HOWARD SEC., MRS. A. M. PETERS



1944
B. C. TANNER

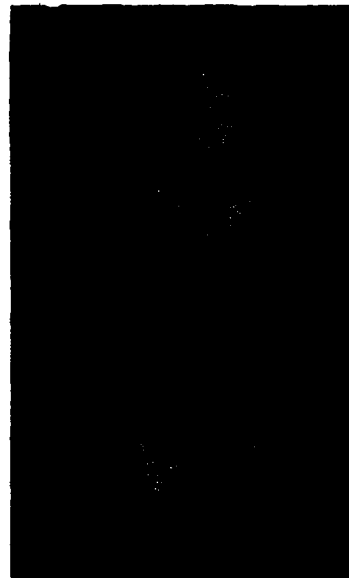


1948
E. S. VASELENAK

LITTLE BOW PRESIDENT, V. BERTRAND SEC., W. SILVERTON



1944
R. KOTKAS



1948
J. GRIFFIN



1944
W. PERRIN

MEDICINE HAT



1944
R. A. PRICE
PRESIDENT, P. SIMPSON
Medicine Hat



1948
J. PETERSON
PRESIDENT, H. SAHLEN
Barons
SECRETARY, W. REED
Barons



1948
IAN ARROL
SECRETARY, W. J. HARPER
Medicine Hat

OKOTOKS - HIGH RIVER

1944

J. A. JEFFREYS

PRESIDENT, G. LOREE
Parkland

SEC., MRS. S. BUCKLAND
Parkland



1948

ELLIS OVIATT

OLDS

1944

GRANT FIELD

PRESIDENT, R. McKAY
Lobley

SECRETARY, W. D. NISBET
Bowden



1948

C. A. COUTTS

PEACE RIVER



1944
J. W. EASTMAN

PRESIDENT, J. W. EASTMAN
Brownvale
SEC., MRS. S. D. SIMPSON
Fairview



1948
A. V. BOSSERT

PINCHER CREEK



1944
REV. W. H. IRWIN

PRESIDENT, W. J. WHITE
Coleman
SECRETARY, JAS. LLOYD
Blairmore



1948
JOHN LLOYD

RED DEER



1944
D. C. DANDELL



1948
A. C. PYE

PRESIDENT, GEO. McSHANE
Red Deer

SECRETARY, D. C. DANDELL
Red Deer

FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY CANDIDATES

1940 and 1945

ACADIA

1940

GEO. B. SMITH



1945

J. SUTHERLAND

ATHABASCA



1940
P. J. ROWE



1945
J. WAGNER

BATTLE RIVER

A TRIBUTE TO
HENRY SPENCER

1935 - 1940 - 1945

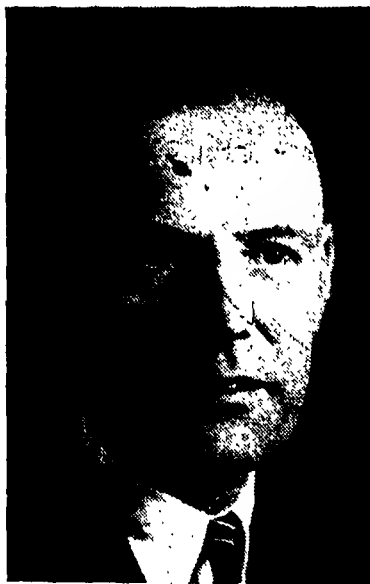
"AN ALBERTA C.C.F.
PIONEER"



BOW RIVER



1940
A. J. E. LIESEMER



1945
J. H. COLDWELL

EDMONTON WEST

AN EXTRA SPECIAL
"THANK YOU"
TO
MISS MARY CRAWFORD

1935 - 1940 - 1945



CAMROSE



1940
S. LEFSRUD

1945
SQD.-LDR. C. RONNING

EDMONTON EAST



1940
C. E. LEE



1945
ALD. H. D. AINLAY

CALGARY EAST



1940
REV. DR. W. F. KELLOWAY



1945
P. N. R. MORRISON

CALGARY WEST



1940
J. ALBERT JOHNSON



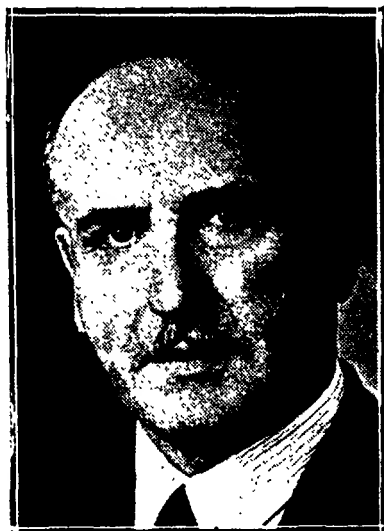
1945
CAPT. K. TORY

PEACE RIVER

1940 and 1945
I. V. MACKLIN



JASPER - EDSON



1940
H. CRICHTLOW



1945
MRS. N. PETERSON

MACLEOD



1940
MRS. R. McBRIDE



1945
O. WOBICK

RED DEER

1940
P. N. R. MORRISON



1945
A. E. McLELLAN

VEGREVILLE



1940

H. R. BOUTILLIER



1945

M. TOMYN

LETHBRIDGE

1945

W. W. SCOTT

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MEDICINE HAT



1945
EARL W. SMITH

WETASKIWIN



1940
R. HASKINS



1945
W. STEVENS

CALGARY PROVINCIAL

1940—Fred J. White.

1944—R. T. Alderman.

Calvin Helmer.

H. A. Wiertz.

A. J. E. Liesemer.

Kenn Tory.

1948—A. J. E. Liesemer.

Mrs. Mary Hart.

G. E. Ellinson.

Wm. Orr.

George Austin.

President—O. Kirke.

Secretary—Miss R. Cherry.

EDMONTON PROVINCIAL

1940—Elmer E. Roper.

W. H. Miller.

H. D. Ainlay.

1944—Mrs. F. C. Butterworth.

J. H. Dowler.

J. E. Enright.

C. E. Lee.

Elmer E. Roper.

1948—Elmer E. Roper.

A. E. Thornton.

J. Hampson.

Mary Crawford.

J. H. Dowler.

President—Mrs. E. Rogers.

Secretary—Miss M. Thompson.

Alberta C.C.F. - - - 1948 Provincial Convention

PALLISER HOTEL, CALGARY, NOV. 19, 20

Program

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th—MORNING

- 9 A.M. Registration.
- 10 A.M. "O Canada."
 - Election of convention chairman.
 - Welcome to Calgary.
 - Adoption of committees.
 - Address, Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A.
 - Report of Provincial President.
 - Report of Provincial Leader.
 - Financial Report.
 - People's Weekly Report.
 - Resolutions.

11:30 - 12 A.M. — Board Report.

AFTERNOON — Closed Session.

Interim Report — Credentials Committee.
Discussion of Board Report.
(Organization, Finance, Education).
Nomination of Officers.

EVENING — Banquet

Speaker—Wm. Irvine, M.P., Cariboo.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, MORNING

- 9:30 A.M. Resolutions.
- 9:30 A.M. Separate session for women delegates.
- 11:00 A.M. Election of Officers.
Financial Appeal.

AFTERNOON

Discussion of Board Report.
Resolutions.
Final Report—Credentials Committee.

Meeting of Women's Section
Directed by Provincial Women's Committee

SATURDAY 9:30 A.M. to 11 A.M.

1. Reports of Officers and District Representatives.
2. Reports from Women's C.C.F. Clubs.
3. Report and Recommendations from the National C.C.F. Women's Committee.
4. Election of Officers and Representatives.
5. Policy for 1948 - 1949.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

J. E. Cook



To C.C.F. Delegates and Members.

This begins as a sincere salute to those fine men and women who have officially served the C.C.F. in the past year.

To the members of your Provincial Board; to the members of constituency Boards in Alberta; to that band of true men and women who accepted with enthusiasm, the demanding job of constituency candidates; and to those indestructible groups who are true to a reasoned conviction and rallied in active support, on your behalf I offer our deep appreciation.

For Elmer E. Roper, Provincial Leader of this movement in Alberta, Alberta people have reason for special appreciation. In the Legislature, on platforms, by radio and press, Elmer Roper led a driving campaign for organization and presentation of the C.C.F. story. He stinted neither his time, money or energy.

To A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., the C.C.F. renews its feeling and expression of support and affection for his part in a job well done. It is with real pleasure the convention acclaims a return to the Legislature of these two Socialist warriors.

As a general overseer of the recent political campaign, it was my happy experience to meet and know these groups. It was an unqualified pleasure.

To C.C.F. members across Alberta, honor is due. The result was not that for which we fought. We sorrow that our rich heritage of natural resources should be wantonly destroyed, but our fight was vigorous and determined and the future will award credit. In its performance we have gained.

It is fitting that a special word of appreciation go to the office staff, Mr. Tor Rolseth, Mrs. Eva McDonald, Miss K. Dunn, and in particular to Mr. Lorne Ingle, who so capably directed the affairs of the campaign in the absence of secretary, Mr. John King, himself a candidate. Lorne was a source of inspiration and great help in the uneven struggle.

The C.C.F. is either very right or very wrong. It is in existence because of belief that capitalism has definite inherent contradictions that make general and continuous welfare of the people under its domination, impossible.

Capitalism has been characterized by a continuing series of booms and busts, continuous struggle on economic or military battle

fields, and universal frustration of individual hope for happiness. Under capitalism science has made tremendous gains, but toward ultimate destruction.

If there are to be no more "Busts"; if capitalism can maintain the large majority of the people of this continent at a high level of employment with accompanying high standards of living; if capitalism can repair the damage of exploitation and war, and rehabilitate the peoples of Europe, China and Japan; if capitalism can establish a peace without laying the base for inevitable war, then the C.C.F. is wrong.

It is not conclusive that where capitalism is strong today, it is now providing a better standard than might otherwise be possible. Europe had periods of boom, but has now what looks like a permanent period of bust. Capitalism despoiled that continent and died there in its own fascist vomit. It is repeating here.

The C.C.F. believes that the logic of events spells disaster to individuals as people wherever they may be. It is to replace the bitterness of economic competition; to shield the individual from the inevitable want of scarcity distribution; to add the strength of the weak to the strength of the strong; and to bring ordered co-operation to replace individual chaos, that the C.C.F. was born.

The C.C.F. is basically a people's movement and can be nothing else. It is designed to be a political weapon in the economic development of organized people. It was set up in 1932 in Canada. It was a natural outgrowth of plainly demonstrated need, a world wide depression.

It has been largely political in its appeal and as a political entity it has developed, but it is, none the less, the creature of non-political occupational organizations of people, notably farmer and labor. In its concept it is co-operative as it is in name, because uncontrolled private effort has failed, not once but many times. World wide depressions have etched, for all to see, the fatal weakness of profit, as adequate production motive. Back through generations a pattern can be traced, linking cause to effect; economic boom, bust, war, in intensifying cycle.

Labor organized, made demands, but was thwarted. Made greater demands, and in turn disrupted other groups. Class struggle intensified and economic war became shooting war. Farmers organized, made demands and were thwarted. Group was set against group to no gain. Proper recognition of the whole picture outlines the common position of all groups. Co-operation alone can fill the need.

The C.C.F. manifesto as adopted in Regina, where the first annual convention was held, in 1933, was a collection of the exact meanings, and in many cases the wording of resolutions passed at conventions of farmers in Alberta and other provinces, and labor conventions in Canada, for political action. Because it is the people of these movements combined, the program of the C.C.F. in Alberta has always been the official position of the farm and labor movements of the province. The very basis of the C.C.F. is organization; people determining for themselves, their exact position and its political remedy.

The C.C.F. came into existence because under the catch name of "Free Enterprise" there had developed a highly organized economic structure that lacked even the power to maintain its necessary competition. Monopolies and price agreements set arbitrary rules for workers whose only remedy was to strike against man made scarcity conditions. These unfair conditions are enacted and enforced by virtue of the control of industrial owners over the elected political representatives of the people who suffer. These representatives are not called to account because of political inertia and the fear of change on the part of the individual elector.

The C.C.F. is in the political field because education can better be furthered by doing than talking. Co-operation is already in action in many ways, and in many lands, but it lacks final cohesion. To supply this cement, political action is necessary.

In times of boom and war, only those who are prepared to remember the past, evaluate cause and effect, and plan for the future, are likely to be interested in fundamental change. At such times progress is slow.

Such a period the C.C.F. is experiencing in Alberta. The world war created scarcities, added new techniques, and set the wheels of industry rolling at speed. War conditions have continued but have not changed the reasoned expectation of future misery, though they produced a non-responsive electorate. The great resources of this province makes a base for easy prosperity.

The C.C.F. lost the 1948 Alberta election. Such a loss has disarranged the ordinary methods and activities of the important educational efforts of this movement. How shall we proceed from here?

The C.C.F. as an organization is better based and stronger internally now than at any time in the past. The ability, integrity, loyalty and understanding of the candidates in the 1948 election, the close knit organization that backed them, add up to a force for progress in Alberta, that has a powerful potential.

The popular voting support on the other side of the picture, has been relieved by war induced boom prosperity from the pressures of economic grievance, and proved non-co-operation.

In its co-operative concept the C.C.F. is a creature of acute need of organized people and the economic pendulum is aswing. Let us be ready. The C.C.F. is very, very, right.

CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION

Operating Statement — November 1st, 1947 to October 31st, 1948

REVENUE

Membership	\$10,062.50	
Less paid to National Office	<u>4,397.00</u>	\$ 5,665.50
Organization and election fund		23,893.17
(includes surplus from radio fund \$492.04 and special deficit fund \$938.88).		
Convention (1947 net)		619.10
Meetings		279.49
Miscellaneous		<u>90.22</u>
		\$30,547.48

EXPENDITURES

Provincial Office

Bank Charges	\$ 82.84	
Office Supplies, Stationery, etc	827.48	
Phone and Telegrams	166.96	
Postage	661.69	
Salaries	4,185.00	
Unemployment Insurance	<u>117.20</u>	\$ 6,041.17

Organization

Organizers Expenses	2,410.73	
Organizers Salaries	4,001.35	
General (membership promotion, advertising, etc.)	<u>1,121.85</u>	7,533.93
Board and executive expense		681.55
Miscellaneous, (Nat'l Council, etc.) ..		598.06
People's Weekly subsidy		600.00
Total Provincial Expense		<u>15,454.71</u>
Election campaign expenses (paid) ..		13,584.05

Equipment

Power plant for projector	<u>514.30</u>	\$29,553.06
Cash Balance on Hand		994.42

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Re election

Saskatchewan C.C.F.	200.00		
National Office	709.30	909.30	
National Office (re membership)		508.00	
Salary owing J. E. Cook		820.00	
		<u>2,237.30</u>	
Accounts received owing by constituencies		472.02	1,765.28
Net Deficit			<u>770.86</u>

Verification of Balance on Hand

Bank Balance	1,288.56		
O/S item (cheque to be re-deposited)	10.03		
Cash on Hand	48.90		
Cash advance to People's Weekly	113.97	1,461.46	
Less Outstanding Cheques		467.04	
		<u>994.42</u>	

Certified Correct,
W. Margolus, Treasurer.

RADIO FUND

October 31, 1947	Balance on Hand	48.20
October 31, 1948	Receipts for Year	<u>4,040.79</u>
		4,088.99
October 31, 1948	Disbursements for Year	<u>3,596.95</u>
	Balance to Election Fund	<u>492.04</u>

ELECTION EXPENSES

Expenses Paid	13,584.05
Expenses Owing	<u>909.30</u>
Total	<u>14,493.35</u>

Election budget called for expenditure of \$15,000.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, OCTOBER 31, 1948

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	58.93	
Bank Balance less o/s cheques	821.52	
Advance to People's Weekly	113.97	
Accounts Receivable	<u>472.02</u>	1,466.44

FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

Automobile	750.00	
Projector machines and generators....	1,800.00	
Public Address Equipment	150.00	
Office fixtures and equipment	<u>400.00</u>	3,100.00
Total Assets		4,566.44

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable as per statement	2,237.30
Surplus	<u>2,329.14</u>

PEOPLE'S WEEKLY

Operating Statement November 1st, 1947 to October 31st, 1948

REVENUE

Advertising	\$ 4,945.56	
Circulation	8,225.00	
C.C.F.	<u>600.00</u>	\$13,770.56

EXPENDITURE

Printing, Editorial, Mailing, etc.	11,695.38	
Salaries	1,437.28	
Office supplies, Postage, Advertising Service, etc	601.65	
C.P.A. Dues	<u>216.00</u>	<u>13,950.31</u>
Operating Deficit		<u>179.75</u>

Financial Statement — October 31, 1948

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 149.16
Accounts Receivable	
Advertising	867.09
Constituencies	<u>127.69</u>
	1,143.94
Cash Deficit	<u>349.63</u>
	<u>1,493.57</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$1,379.60
Advance from C.C.F.	<u>113.97</u>
	<u>1,493.57</u>

CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION

W.H.H.

PREAMBLE TO MANIFESTO
ADOPTED AT FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION
HELD AT REGINA, SASK., JULY, 1933

THE C.C.F. is a federation of organizations whose purpose is the establishment in Canada of a Co-operative Commonwealth in which the principle regulating production, distribution and exchange will be the supplying of human needs and not the making of profits.

We aim to replace the present capitalist system, with its inherent injustice and inhumanity, by a social order from which the domination and exploitation of one class by another will be eliminated, in which economic planning will supersede unregulated private enterprise and competition, and in which genuine democratic self-government, based upon economic equality will be possible. The present order is marked by glaring inequalities of wealth and opportunity, by chaotic waste and instability; and in an age of plenty it condemns the great mass of the people to poverty and insecurity. Power has become more and more concentrated into the hands of a small irresponsible minority of financiers and industrialists and to their predatory interests the majority are habitually sacrificed. When private profit is the main stimulus to economic effort, our society oscillates between periods of feverish prosperity in which the main benefits go to speculators and profiteers, and of catastrophic depression, in which the common man's normal state of insecurity and hardship is accentuated. We believe that these evils can be removed only in a planned and socialized economy in which our natural resources and the principal means of production and distribution are owned, controlled and operated by the people.

The new social order at which we aim is not one in which individuality will be crushed out by a system of regimentation. Nor shall we interfere with cultural rights of racial or religious minorities. What we seek is a proper collective organization of our economic resources such as will make possible a much greater degree of leisure and a much richer individual life for every citizen.

This social and economic transformation can be brought about by political action, through the election of a government inspired by the ideal of a Co-operative Commonwealth and supported by a majority of the people. We do not believe in change by violence. We consider that both the old parties in Canada are the instruments of capitalist interests and cannot serve as agents of social reconstruction, and that whatever the superficial differences between them, they are bound to carry on government in accordance with the dictates of the big business interests who finance them. The C.C.F. aims at political power in order to put an end to this capitalist domination of our political life. It is a democratic movement, a federation of farmer, labor and socialist organizations, financed by its own members and seeking to achieve its ends solely by constitutional methods. It appeals for support to all who believe that the time has come for a far-reaching reconstruction of our economic and political institutions and who are willing to work together for the carrying out of this purpose.

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